



Docket No. 740116-317

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of	:	
Günter KOHRMANN et al.	:	Art Unit: 1744
Application No.: 09/801,930	:	Examiner: Unknown
Filed: March 9, 2001	:	
For: ARRANGEMENT FOR THE CONTAMINATION-FREE	:	
PROCESSING OF REACTION SEQUENCES, IN	:	
PARTICULAR MOLECULAR-BIOLOGICAL	:	
REACTION SEQUENCES, CLOSURE CARRIER AND	:	
INDIVIDUAL CLOSURE ELEMENTS FOR SUCH AN	:	
ARRANGEMENT, AND STORAGE AND DISPENSING	:	
ARRANGEMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL CLOSURE	:	
ELEMENTS	:	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 3 and 10 as follows:

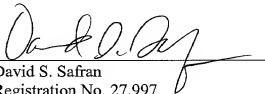
3. (Amended) The arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the individual closure elements are secured to the closure carrier by a releasable positive-fit connection between the actuation section and the socket.
10. (Amended) The arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the individual closure elements are secured to the closure carrier a non-positive connection between the actuation section and the socket.

REMARKS

The above amendments to Claims 3 and 10 are to remove the use of multiple dependencies.

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Mark-up of Amendments

3. (Amended) The arrangement according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein the individual closure elements are secured to the closure carrier by a releasable positive-fit connection between the actuation section and the socket.

10. (Amended) The arrangement according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein the individual closure elements are secured to the closure carrier a non-positive connection between the actuation section and the socket.